

STD Update for Clinicians and Counselors

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

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Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) also referred to as sexually transmitted infections (STIs) do not refer to any one disease but include more than 25 infectious organisms that are transmitted through sexual activity and the dozens of clinical syndromes that they cause. STDs are almost always spread from person to person by sexual intercourse, most commonly by anal or vaginal intercourse but also through oral sex. Some STDs, such as Hepatitis B or HIV infection, are also transmitted through blood-to-blood contact, through the sharing of needles or equipment to inject drugs, body piercing or tattoos. Pregnant women with STDs may pass their infections to infants during pregnancy or birth or through breast feeding.

Complications of STD infections include pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) and the inflammation of the prostate (prostatitis) in men, and infertility and reproductive system problems in both sexes. Possible consequences to an infant injected while in the womb or during birth, include stillbirth, blindness and permanent neurological damage.

Unfortunately, routine screening programs are not widespread and social stigma and lack of public awareness concerning STDs often inhibits frank discussion between health care providers and patients about STD risk and the need for testing.

After viewing this program, participants should be able to:

1. Identify infection trends, causative organisms, incubation period, signs and symptoms, diagnosis, complications and treatment for common STDs.
2. List three risk factors for and three preventive measures against acquiring an STD.
3. Discuss the relationship between genital warts (Human Papilloma Virus/HPV) and cervical cancer.
4. Discuss the relationships among infertility, ectopic pregnancy, chronic pelvic pain and chlamydia.
5. Describe the potential effects of STDs on fertility, pregnancy and the neonate.

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Conference Details:

Target Audience: Clinicians, nurses, educators, social workers and others who counsel, educate and manage clients.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphn Cost: There is no cost to view.

CEUs: Nurses and Social Workers (pending)

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands.

Webcast Information: Please register at www.adph.org/alphn To view this live webcast, you will need RealPlayer or Windows Media Player. This program will also be available as an on-demand webcast approximately 2 days after the live broadcast.

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program.

Questions For Faculty: If you have questions that you want addressed during the conference, you may fax or email those questions and a response will be given during the program.

Email: alphnquestions@adph.state.al.us or Fax: 888-737-1972.

General Questions: For questions about any of these conference details call: 334-206-5618 or email: alphn@adph.state.al.us